

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 6 and 7 and insert new Claim 8 as

indicated below:

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1. (Previously Amended) A flexible or semi-flexible packaging material with an oxygen barrier between 10 and 100 cc/m²d atm as determined by ASTM 3985 and a water vapor barrier between 100 and 1000 g/m²d at 38°C and 90% relative humidity, as determined according to DIN 53122 issued July 1982, comprising

- (a) a layer of paper having a weight between 20 and 400 g/m²
- (b) a layer of ethylene copolymer or grafted ethylene copolymer having a weight between 1 and 5 g/m² adjacent to layer (a), and
- (c) a layer of nylon comprising between 5 and 100 weight % of amorphous nylon and 0 and 95 weight % semicrystalline polyamide 6 having a weight between 10 and 30 g/m² adjacent to layer (b).

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2. (Original) The packaging material of claim 1 wherein the ethylene copolymer of layer (b) is ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene-ethyl acrylate, ethylene-methyl acrylate or ethylene butyl acrylate.

3. (Original) The packaging material of claim 1 wherein the ethylene copolymer of layer (b) is an ethylene-acid copolymer or its corresponding ionomer.

4. (Original) The packaging material of claim 1 wherein the grafted ethylene copolymer of layer (b) is a maleic anhydride grafted ethylene copolymer.

5. (Original) The packaging material of any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein layer (b) further comprises up to 40 weight % of a copolyether ester, a copolyether amide or a polyurethane thermoplastic.

6. (Currently Amended) The packaging material of any one of claims 1 to 5 which is produced by coextrusion coating layers (b) and (c) onto layer (a).

7. (Currently Amended) The packaging material of any one of claims 1 to 5 which is produced by lamination of extruded or coextruded layers (b) and (c) onto layer (a).

8. (New Claim) A flexible or semi-flexible packaging material with an oxygen barrier between 10 and 100 cc/m²d atm as determined by ASTM 3985 and a water vapor barrier between 100 and 1000 g/m²d at 38°C and 90% relative humidity, as determined according to DIN 53122 issued July 1982, comprising

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- (b) a layer of ethylene copolymer or grafted ethylene copolymer having a weight between 1 and 5 g/m² adjacent to layer (a), and
- (c) a layer of nylon comprising between 5 and 100 weight % of amorphous nylon and 0 and 95 weight % semicrystalline polyamide 6 having a weight between 10 and 30 g/m² adjacent to layer (b).